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Dear Fellow Congressmen:

It is time to start making plans for the September 16-20, 1969 meeting of the Congress at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts. President Paul Sharkey and Annual Meeting Chairman, George Becker, are arranging an excellent scientific and a unique social program.

BOSTON, THE CITY

The Hub City of New England is the site of the 19th Annual Congress Meeting. September is a particularly beautiful time in which to enjoy historic Boston. Most days are sunny and there is just a hint of the coming cooler seasons in the evening air.

For openers, a person might walk the exciting 1-1/2 mile Freedom Trail. This walk starts by the Boston Common, passes the Granary Burial Grounds -- where lie John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and many other persons of historical significance--through the Boston Massacre Site, and on to the Old North Church. It is difficult to imagine so hallowed an area in American History. Boston is also a cultural and intellectual center. Museums of art, science, and history abound. All are accessible via the MTA (Metropolitan Transit Authority).

The oft-heard phrase, "Boston, the Home of the Bean and the Cod", only reminds us that elegant eating is everywhere in Boston and its environs. New England Style Clam Chowder, daily dug native clams, Baked Boston Scrod, and ocean fresh lobster are all outstanding "provincial" dishes.

The Congress meeting in the Sheraton-Boston Hotel, the flagship of the 115 hotel international chain. It is located in the new Prudential Center, a 31 acre business, shopping, civic, residential complex in historic Back Bay. The focal point is the 52 story Prudential Tower.

BOSTON MEETING

There are some slight changes in the format of the meeting this year. The meeting will be four days in length. The usual Saturday morning session will be eliminated so that those members who are going on to the World Congress or who are returning home to free their convening doctors may do so. The Movie Session will be held in the evening.

Transportation, door-to-door Boston to New York, for both members and exhibitors is under investigation at this time.

Attention Program Directors: The residents in training will be provided housing as has been the Congress' custom in the past. To obtain housing this year, the resident must have the identification, provided by the Congress, to present to the hotel personnel. Pre-registration of residents is being stressed this year.

Dr. Wallace Hamby of Cleveland, Ohio, is to be the Honored Guest at the Boston meeting. The titles of Dr. Hamby's papers are:

"Spasmodic Torticollis: Results Following Cervical Rhizotomy"

"Orbital Decompression in the Treatment of Exophthalmos"

"Remarks Concerning Intracranial Aneurysmal Surgery"

SEMINARS IN FUNDAMENTAL NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY

The Scientific and Education Committee under the chairmanship of William Coxe is planning an excellent program on the Hypothalamus. Dr. Seymour Reichlin of the University of Rochester will speak on Neuroendocrinology; Dr. Richard Wurtman of MIT, on Neuropharmacology; and Dr. Joseph Martin of the University of Rochester, on Neuro-autonomic Aspects. The title of the talk by Dr. Walle Nauta of MIT will be announced in the next Newsletter.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Barton Brown, our Program Chairman, has worked hard and has an excellent program for us. The faculty is superb. In addition to Dr. Hamby, our Honored Guest, the faculty includes Richard Schneider, Lawrence Pool, G. Yasargil, Joe Ransohoff, James Greenwood, William Hoyt, Charles Fager, Robert Rand, Dave Davis, William Sweet, James Campbell, Howard Brown, Frank Howard, Robert Chase and Melvin Belli. They will cover such subjects as Surgery of Aneurysms, Spine Trauma, Spine Tumors, Lesions of the Sellar Area, Hypophysectomy, and Peripheral Nerves. Of course, Mr. Melvin Belli will talk on Medico-Legal problems.

MEMBER PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

The Member Participation Program has gained increasing interest and acceptance each year. The participation of our members has become a more valuable portion of each meeting. The Member Participation Program Committee Chairman, Jim L. Story, University of Texas Medical School, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78229, requests that you send him abstracts for the September meeting. Each abstract should be no more than 300 words in length and should be submitted no later than June 10th.

There will again be a session devoted to the showing of interesting movies. The Program Committee Chairman would appreciate receiving a description of the movie no later than June 10th. Please include the title and length of the movie.

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SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITS

Exhibits from all members are most welcome for the Boston meeting of the Congress in September, 1969. It is suggested that some early thoughts be given to this meeting since it will be a very popular one and will be particularly well attended by our own members as well as many people from out of the country. George Ablin, the Scientific Exhibits Chairman, anticipates that the exhibit space will be ample but should be reserved early. George hopes to have special arrangements to assist those exhibitors who will be showing their exhibits at the Congress in Boston and the Fourth International Congress of Neurological Surgery, which follows immediately in New York City.

BERMUDA

A supplementary section of this year's meeting will be held at the Castle Harbour Hotel in Bermuda. Ben Stein, the chairman, has arranged that the group going on this phase of the meeting will leave New York City by Pan-American Airlines on Friday morning, September 12. They will return directly to Boston on Monday night, September 15. The flight is about two hours.

Shopping is excellent and interesting in Bermuda. You will find a great variety of imported merchandise including liqueurs, Scottish tweeds, British woolens, Italian silks, English bone china, etc.

The Castle Harbour Hotel in Hamilton Parish is a luxury hotel in a tropical setting. Two pools, private beach, sailing, skin diving, tennis courts, dancing, and a mid-ocean golf course are available. This portion of the meeting is not to be missed!

The term, "Pre-convention Tour", carries the stigma of a social function to certain governmental agencies. To eliminate any misunderstanding, the trip to Bermuda is officially known as: "Supplementary Convention to the Congress of Neurological Surgeons."

Details of the scientific presentations at the Supplementary Convention will follow in future editions of the Newsletter.

Early confirmation of arrangements for this convention is absolutely necessary because of the heavy tourist travel in Bermuda at that time of year. Therefore, Ben Stein stresses the need to make early - even though tentative - arrangements regarding the number of people that might partake in the trip to Bermuda.

DIRECTORY OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS

Corrections and additions or deletions to the World and United States Directories of Neurological Surgeons are particularly desired. As can be imagined, it is difficult to find all the practicing neurosurgeons in order that they may be included. It is also a job to eliminate the names of people who do not practice neurosurgery or who otherwise do not belong in the current directory. Please forward any corrections or suggestions to the Directory Chairman, George Ablin, 2828 H Street, Bakersfield, California, 93301.

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We note with sadness the passing in December, 1968 of Dr. Carl F. List of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dr. List joined the Congress of Neurological Surgeons in October 1952. He was an ardent supporter of our Society and leader in neurosurgery.

We also note with sadness the passing of Dr. Carl Richard Earnest of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in November 1968 due to a tragic plane crash. Dr. Earnest was one of our newer members, having joined the Congress in July 1968.

TRAVEL CLUBS

President Sharkey has given the excellent suggestion that the Congress encourage the formation of Travel Clubs among its members. Several clubs exist now, and all their members find them to be most worthwhile. They facilitate visits in small groups, foster frank discussions, allow a real "look-see" at each other's set-up, and deepen friendships. If you are interested in setting up a Travel Club, you may wish to talk to Kemp Clark, Richard DeSaussure, Jim Robertson, Gordon van den Noort, Paul Sharkey or some of our other members who have had experience with them.

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